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<u>ABSTRACT</u>

An airbag module in a motor vehicle having a modular casing installed behind at least one opening flap built into the instrument panel is characterized in that the diskshaped gas generator, including the modular casing surrounding it, is arranged on-edge at an angle to the plane of the instrument panel, its narrow side being defined by the gas-discharge openings arranged on its perimeter, and the folded airbag is arranged at least partially between the narrow side of the gas generator and the opening flap.